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Subject: Sunrise Powerlink Modified Route D Alternate

Dear Ms. Blanchard & Ms. Kastoll,

This purpose of this letter is to provide an update to my letter dated June 13, 2007. In that letter my wife and I opposed the Modified Rt. D Alternative and we still do but with more understanding and firm resolve that not only is this route wrong, all the routes proposed are wrong, for this area, this State and this point in time.

How can it be that a modern company such as SDG&E could be so wrong? From their point of view I'm sure that they think that given all the parameters such as; future demand, current capability, state and federal law and political positions, and that they have proposed a workable solution. They are partially correct! Any one of the routes could be a workable solution. But they are stuck with and using old concepts, old thinking, old paradigms and old technology. The visionaries and leaders of both the management and engineering areas of SDG&E have lost their way as happens to many companies as they age and do not stay current with new technology and management practices that best implement those technologies for the long-term good of the company and the public they are suppose to serve. This project is a good example of an "old technology" project. We the public can not just change to another electricity supplier, do away with their unwanted new lines and choose another company which is more modern and meets our needs better. We are stuck with what they do and what they are allowed to do. We have to rely upon the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to protect us from ill-conceived projects.

California has long been known as a "trend setting state". This state has some of the best and most forward thinking Universities, companies, government leaders and environmental organizations not only in the United States but also in the world. The problem faced by SDG&E is not simple, if it was, anyone could do it. But neither is it too complicated to do good plan; modern technology, revised and enlightened concepts and a long-term look to the future can make it acceptable.

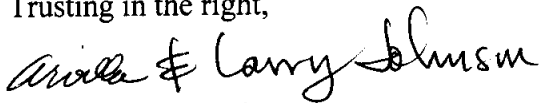
I won't try to go into all the technological and environmental issues that are at the heart of the discussion for they have been covered very well by others such as the Utility Consumers' Action Network (UCAN) and the Sierra Club. The issues do include; renewable energy, power transmission, system reliability (source and transmission systems), present demand, future demand, climate change, local power generation vs. imported power, electrical buyback for excess power generated locally, environmental

and community character impacts and upgrading present transmission lines to be smarter and have greater capacity.

This is a prime opportunity for the CPUC and BLM to say NO to the SDG&E plan. No will help protect the State and the citizens from a bad plan. Tell SDG&E that they must do better; they must form a collation of the participants and the nations best experts and come back with a plan in a set time frame (like 2 years) that is a WIN-WIN plan for all, not just a WIN for SDG&E.

And last, the Modified Route D Alternative is highly vulnerable to brush and forest fires, will ruin the view shed for thousands of local people and have direct irreconcilable effects on citizens in the direct path of the line. There is a better way.

Trusting in the right,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arvilla & Larry Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the names connected together.

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